(b) During 1991-91, the number of post offices proposes to be opened,subject to justification according to prescribed departmental norms is as under:-

Name of district	*No. of post offices proposed to be opened*	
	Extra departmental branch post offices	*sub post offices*
1. Varanasi	25	-
2. Ghasipur	10	-
3. Jaunpur	10	-

New Telephone exchanges in Uttar Pradesh

5842. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up new telephone exchanges in Ghazjipur, Varanasi, Jaunpur and Mirzapur districts of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to increase the capacity of Kerakal Telephone Exchange and to connect it with the important places in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS: (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir except for Ghazipur.

(b) A place is identified for provision of a new telephone exchange in rural areas when the registered paid demand reaches 10.

The places identified so far on the above basis are as below:-

S.No.	*Name of Exchange place*	*Name of District*
1.	Shivapuram	Varanasi
2.	Sarnath	Varanasi
3.	Itauribazar	Jaunpur
4.	Kotwa Raj	Mirzapur

(c) & (d). Yes, Sir. Expansion of existing exchange at KERAKAT is planned during 1992-93 and its connection to important places in the country during 1994-95.

SCs/STs/OBCs

SC/ST Jawans Working in Para-Military Forces

5843. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of jawans belonging to Scheduled Castes and scheduled Tribes working in various para-Military Forces;

(b) whether their number is adequate; and

(c) if not, the steps being taken to encourage more and more Scheduled Castes and Scheduled tribes into those forces?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) The percentage of Jawans belonging to SCs/STs in para-Military Forces is as follows:-

		S.C.	*S.T.*
(i)	ITBP	16.5%	5.67%
(ii)	CISF	18.92%	8.44%
(iii)	CRPF	14.45%	7.55%
(iv)	BSF	14.41%	7.62%
(v)	Assam Rifles	15%	7.5%

(b) Their number is adequate except in the case of Scheduled Tribes in the ITBP. In case of Scheduled Castes the representation is marginally below 15% in CRPF & BSF.

(c) After giving wide publicity, intensive recruitment drives are being regularly carried out in certain Border Districts of UP and HP in addition to various other places where ST population is more.

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New Telephone Connections in Rampur District of Uttar Pradesh

5844. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons on the waiting list for the telephone connections in Rampur District of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) the time by which they are likely to be provided with telephone connections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS: (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The number of persons on the waiting list for the telephone connections in Rampur District of Uttar Pradesh as on 31.3.91 is 159.

(b) They are planned to be provided with telephone connections by March 93.

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Areas Affected by Floods

5845. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state the extent of increase in the areas affected by flood as during last three years?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES: (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): There has been no increasing trend noticed in the areas affected by floods. The flood affected areas reported during the last three years are as under:-

1988-89	162.90 lakh hectares
1989-90	80.60 lakh hectares
1990-91	93.03 lakh hectares